

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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SEP 30 2005

JAMES BONINI, Clerk  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

In Re: REIMBURSEMENT OF PRO BONO ATTORNEY  
EXPENSES IN INDIGENT LITIGATION

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 05-1**

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To enable counsel representing litigants proceeding *in forma pauperis* to more effectively represent their clients, there is hereby created the Expense Reimbursement Fund for reimbursement of expenses incurred in such representation in accordance with the following guidelines:

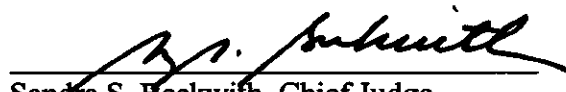
1. The Expense Reimbursement Fund shall be allocated \$30,000 initially from the Attorney Admission Fund. Disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the Clerk at the order of the Chief Judge upon the recommendation of the judicial officer assigned to the case in question. Future allocations will be made on an annual basis at the discretion of the Court.

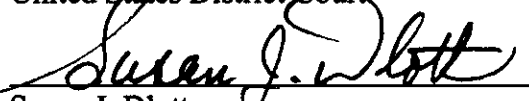
2. The Court will reimburse the following categories of expenses:

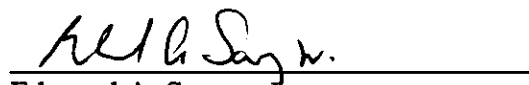
1. Mileage for necessary travel beyond 100 miles from the courthouse at the location of court where the case is pending at the then-current Government mileage rate.
2. Copying at cost or \$.15 per page, whichever is less.
3. Court reporter attendance fees for depositions of essential witnesses, and transcription fees for such depositions, if approved in advance by the Court.
4. Necessary long distance telephone calls and postage.
5. Expert witness fees, if approved in advance by the Court.
6. Interpreters' fees and expenses.

7. Investigative services, if approved in advance by the Court.
8. Lay witness fees for attendance at depositions and mileage.
3. The maximum allowable reimbursement per case shall be \$1,000, without prior Court approval. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an explanation for their necessity and proof that they were actually incurred.
4. Amounts reimbursed must be repaid to the Expense Reimbursement Fund if the case is settled with a payment of money, if fees and costs are awarded under 28 U.S.C. § 1988 or any other fee-shifting statute, or if plaintiff is awarded monetary damages.
5. No reimbursement is available under this Order for expenses incurred by *pro se* litigants or for expenses which are reimbursable under the Criminal Justice Act.
6. The Court allocates \$10,000 to the Cincinnati seat of court, \$10,000 to the Dayton seat of court, and \$10,000 to the Columbus seat of court. The Clerk shall transfer those amounts from the Attorney Admission Fund to three separate accounts entitled, "Expense Reimbursement Fund."

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

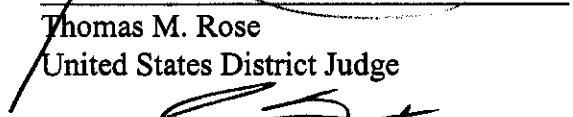
  
Sandra S. Beckwith, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

  
Susan J. Dlott  
United States District Judge

  
Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
United States District Judge



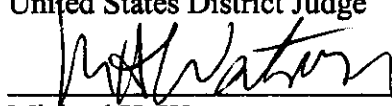
Algenon L. Marbley  
United States District Judge



Thomas M. Rose  
United States District Judge



Gregory L. Frost  
United States District Judge



Michael H. Watson  
United States District Judge



S. Arthur Spiegel  
United States Senior District Judge



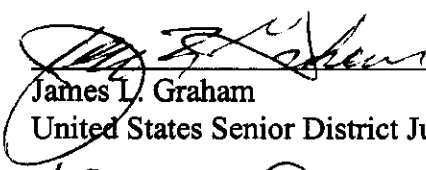
John D. Holschuh  
United States Senior District Judge



George C. Smith  
United States Senior District Judge



Herman J. Weber  
United States Senior District Judge



James L. Graham  
United States Senior District Judge



Walter H. Rice  
United States Senior District Judge